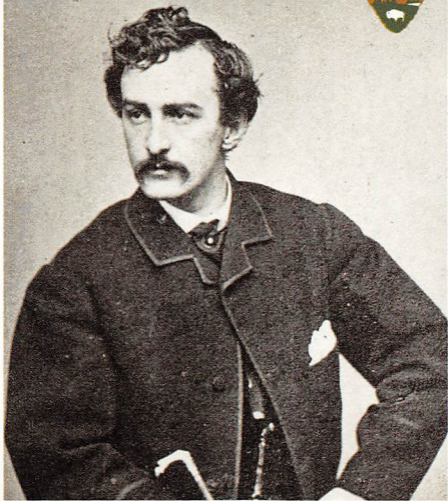


Ford's Theatre  
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**John Wilkes Booth**



## John Wilkes Booth

Born: May 10, 1838 in Bel Air, Maryland

Died: April 26, 1865 near Port Royal, Virginia

John Wilkes Booth was a famous actor and Confederate supporter from Baltimore. On April 14, 1865 he assassinated President Lincoln at Ford's Theatre. He thought that by killing Lincoln the South would have a chance to continue the war. He was killed by Federal troops near Port Royal, Virginia, 12 days after the assassination, ending one of the largest manhunts in United States history.